

COMMERCIAL MANAGER WINS PLACE IN GOTHAM THEATERS

Al Jolson Appears in "Bombo" and the Show Is in Many Ways Better Put on Than Ever a Jolson Show Has Been.

By Gilbert Seligman.
NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—There are moments when one would like to be a commercial manager. If I were one today I would press a button and summon a willing secretary and have him place before me a scrap book of all the things said about the commercial theater, all those hard, bitter things which the critics and the upholders of the drama have committed vehemently to print. I would recall that for a generation or so I had been accused of ruining and destroying the American theater to provide myself with money. Then—*for I have seen the latest product of the "Theater Guild"—I think I should smile softly and light another expensive cigarette.*

Deals With Young Girl.
This production is called "Am-bush" and is by that author Richmond who the last year or so was presented on Broadway in a play of New York of the twenties, called "Not So Long Ago." The current effort is of suburban New Jersey at the present time, and according to announcement deals with the thoughts and actions of a young girl living in one of those dreadfully dingy houses which one sees—specifically Mr. Richmond seems from the title as he makes his way to the Country Club. I am quoting from the Guilds program. The girl is young, beautiful, desirous of lovely things. What does she do? We learn what she does by following her father in the successive steps by which he learns what she does. The father, therefore, becomes a focal point of interest in the play. It is his much as the girls. And what the girl does is simply to lead what used to be called an immoral life. I do not know what the polite term is now—days. With a great deal of exteriority, some of it not so new as it is. In the days of Augier, Dumas and St. John Ervine, Mr. Richmond tells a story which is always a little incredible, and since it is told about people who are not real, their emotional reality grows progressively more vulgar and trivial.

Has Fine Clothes.
But why should the commercial manager smile? Because the Guild produces this play which has more to do with "Back Pay" and "The Eastway" than it has to do with Ibsen and the French playwrights from whom it liberally borrows. When the girl informs her tragically disillusioned father that she has fine clothes upstairs and proposes henceforth to wear them, brazening out the situation, he asks her whether it is the present lover who has given her the clothes and she replies: "Of course; I wouldn't take presents from any one else. What sort of a girl do you take me for?" This is good vaudeville stuff, but the commercial manager occasionally detects it from his gold digger plays and the Guild did not.

LEGION WILL REAFFIRM ITS STAND ON SOLDIER BONUS

Third Annual Convention of Organization, at Kansas City October 13, Will Lay Plans for "Fight to Finish" on Issue Before Congress.

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 15.—National headquarters of the American Legion announced today that it is expected that the legion will, in its third annual convention at Kansas City beginning October 21, reaffirm its stand for adjusted compensation for veterans. Headquarters predicts that the convention will lay plans for a "fight to the finish" on that issue before Congress, and that it will take steps to relieve distress among 900,000 ex-service men who are reported to be unemployed. More than 1,000 voting delegates will be present, representing 11,000 posts of the legion. Preparations have been made to care for 100,000 out-of-town visitors in Kansas City during the convention.

A survey of legion sentiment throughout the country as expressed in instructions to delegates and in actions by State and county conventions of the legion reveals, says the announcement, the following additional issues on which it is likely the national legion assembly will declare itself.

Look for Instant Action.
It is held certain that immediate action will be taken for temporary, if not permanent, relief of the jobless veteran. A national committee of relief has been making a study of measures following a country-wide survey.

It is affirmed by some members of the legion that passage of the Sweet bill, creating the veterans' bureau, has not fully overcome all the difficulties which have prevented disabled men from obtaining all their rights, and this question will be considered. In each of the fourteen regional districts of the veterans' bureau a representative of the legion has been assisting the bureau in adjusting points between posts and individuals. These representatives will be able to present to the convention reports showing just what the new bureau is or is not doing.

Pin a Passage of Bill.
Further plans for obtaining passage of the Federal-adjusted compensation bill are to be considered. Legion representatives say that almost every State congress has passed resolutions of firm support for its policy of pushing the bill. The organization's national legislative committee will present a report on the subject with recommendations for further procedure.

The convention, it is expected, will consider the question of limitation of armaments in view of the importance of the international conference in Washington opening on Armistice Day. At its first and second national conventions the legion declared its course as a medium between jingoism and blind pacifism, and its military policy that of preparedness. Questions have arisen among the membership concerning the definition of the legion's policy of absolute neutrality in politics, the States and posts being at variance in their interpretation of the ruling. The Wyoming department has proposed an amendment to the constitution to allow "protection of the candidacy of any person seeking public office when the election is held in the judgment of the legion, promote the purposes for which the legion was organized as defined in the preamble to its constitution."

The legion is pledged to "law and

order," and "neutrality in disputes between capital and labor." It is pointed out that the legion is a single post or individual which violate these rules, are to be brought up in the convention.

The legion's recommendation at its first two conventions that "the so-called Gentlemen's Agreement with Japan be abrogated," and that "foreign-born Japanese be forever barred from American citizenship," is expected to come up again. The legion

The Basque Is Back

Youth Demands Clothes the Same as Their Crown-Up Sisters.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The basque is back.
No less a person than Paul Poiret is accentuating this fashion from the pyrenees—taken up and discarded by many generations of fashion devotees.

The basque, of course, requires courage—and corsets—for unless one is svelte and youthful the supporting confines of corsets are very necessary. The basque of today is of silver, worn over a green tulle skirt. It is edged in fur. Being sleeveless and low-necked, it is, when combined with an artistic skirt, an exceptionally striking dinner or theater costume. Basque effects are developed, also, in many of the Poiret street gowns where the waistline is accentuated. It has now been many years since the basque held sway. Long has the cry been: "We will not wear them." But when they are developed in fascinating material by an artistic hand—of course every woman will be basking in fashion's favor in a basque.

Plays Moderately Good.
The week's list of plays again has the general effect of being moderately good, with a few exceptions. "A Bill of Divorcement," starring a little higher in general esteem, "This is the work of a woman novelist, Clemence Dane, whose best-known work is "A Regiment of Women." A personal popularity which seems to be rigidly held in check for the first time helps also to establish the "Wren," Booth Tarkington's picture of queer life in Maine. Helen Hayes, in the judgment of several critics, is not preening herself on the fact that she is a star, although young, she is doing in "The Wren" the part of a Scotch girl, and not the part of Helen Hayes in "The Wren." It is the story simply of the little girl who has to manage her difficult father and to rescue an agreeable artist from "The wiles" of a more fascinating bird from New York. Mr. Tarkington has always had a sense of character, and so his Maine folk are distinguished from Cape Cod folk by more than intonation and gesture.

There was also a musical, or as they call it, melodrama, entitled "Love Dreams," which failed to excite your reporter excessively, and Arnold Daly's opening of his reputation, comment in which must be deferred a little. Mr. Daly appears only in the shorter of the two plays, which makes up his first bill, the greater of the evening going to Karl Shoenher's "The Children's Tragedy." For the benefit of those who can still make it, I note that a new play is announced for the Plymouth Theater, and the probably means that Marjorie Rameau and "Daddy's Gone a Hunting" will soon depart. (Copyright, 1921, by the Public Ledger Co.)

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(By Associated Press.)
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No person who is privileged to witness one will ever forget either the gorgeous costumes displayed or the thrill of the music and dancing indulged in by the guests.

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The celebration begins always on Monday and the wedding ceremony, it self, always occurs at dawn on the following Sunday.

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Invitations are sent only to those from whom presents are expected. However, any person may attend who wishes. Presents are always in the nature of foodstuffs, such as rice, meat, sugar, coffee, flour, butter and vegetables. These are necessary to provide food for the hundreds of guests who flock to the bridegroom's house daily to take part in the singing and dancing.

Saturdays bring the climax to all joy-making. If the bridegroom's father is of even moderate circumstances, professional musicians are hired for the day.

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